



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GOLD STAR FAMILY MONTH

WHEREAS: The term "Gold Star" was first used during WWI when American families displayed flags with gold stars outside homes, businesses, schools and churches for each loved one lost in military service; and

WHEREAS: This month, we recognize the sacrifice that all Gold Star family members have made after a loved one died in active service. We acknowledge and mourn the losses of our servicemen and servicewomen, and ensure their legacies and families are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS: During the month of May, The Navy Gold Star Program recognizes those who have lost a family member during active service in the United States Armed Forces. This month, the Gold Star Program will educate communities about Gold Star families through events that pay tribute to the fallen and provide surviving family members with opportunities to connect with fellow members; and

WHEREAS: Fallen heroes and Gold Star families will never be forgotten. We hereby remember our commitment to Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic loss; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017, as GOLD STAR FAMILY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

CHIEF OF STAFF